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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 18 – Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 18 to the COFCG 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 23, 2003. COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2003-18, on April 24, 2003. This amendment deletes the Manning Avenue/Mendocino Avenue Traffic Flow Improvement Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) project and transfers funds to bicycle and pedestrian facilities projects. The amendment also modifies funding of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 program projects, and adds new projects and modifies funding of projects that include FTA 5307, 5309 and 5310 projects.


COFCG determined that this amendment is exempt from conformity requirements under Section 40 CFR 93.126, reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this FTIP amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). The changes made to the COFCG FTIP by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. We therefore find that this FTIP conforms to the applicable SIP. This finding has been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval and inclusion of COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 18 into California's 2002/03 – 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,


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